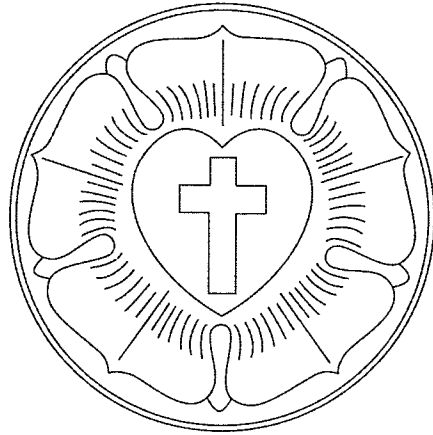


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."*



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14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024
10:00 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Sing to the Lord" Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "I Hear Thy Welcome Voice" Paxton

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** LBW P. 77

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

LBW # 475
(Green book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

LBW P. 57

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray
God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom.
As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly
confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people,
¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our

sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and God’s ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²**O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with

which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" **WOV # 612**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

* **GOSPEL**

P **THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:56-69**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live

forever.”⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.
⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this?”⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”
⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,
⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “O Word of God Incarnate”

LBW # 231
(Green book)

* **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

LBW P. 65

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

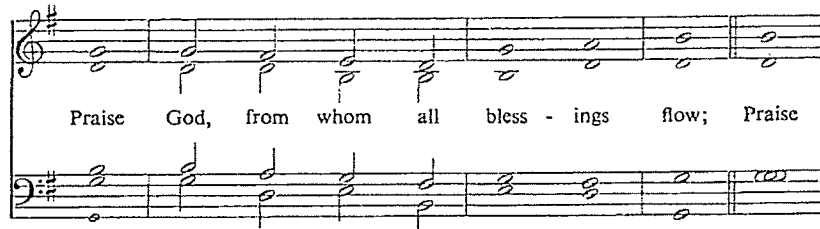
THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Divine Praise" Bortniansky

*** THE OFFERTORY** "Doxology"

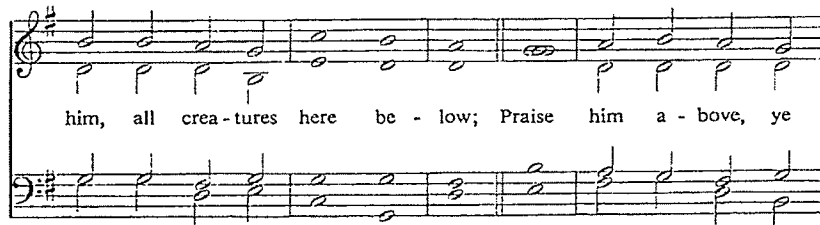
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510-61
Geneva Psalter, 1551

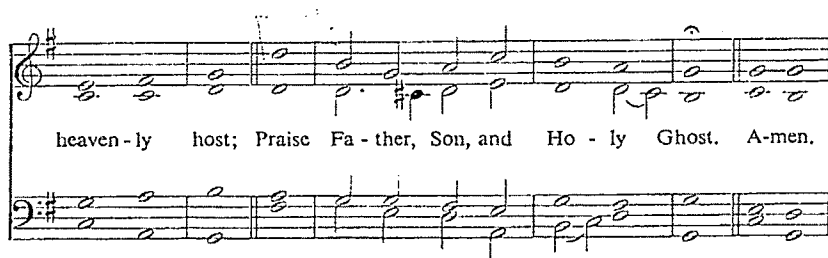
With great dignity



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye



Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 68

P Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE HOLY COMMUNION**

LBW P. 68

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

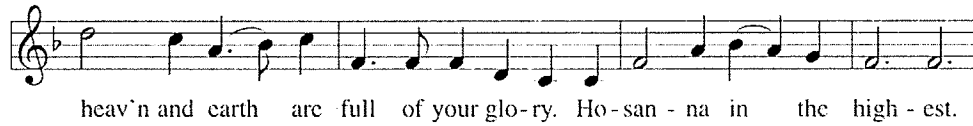
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*** THE PREFACE**

LBW P. 68

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW P. 69

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

LBW P. 71

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

* FRACTION

* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lamb of God"

ELW P. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup”

WOV # 706

“Grains of Wheat”

WOV # 708

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"**
ELW # 313



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.** *Sing in a three fold form*

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** “He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!” **LBW # 501**
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

“A Trumpet Tune”

Clarke

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Sylvia Boyer, Diane Morris, Ruth Winters, Todd Becker (friend of Mark Ditzler), Mark Lerchen (friend of the Ditzlers), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Karen McCuiston (Diane Morris' sister), Doris Minnich (family of Jerry Ulrich), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Dave Musser (friend of Mike Herr), Lexie Rosenau (friend of Amy Wilson), Katherine Calderon Smith (friend of Kreutzbergers), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother)

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) needs:

Collection basket is located in the east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

- SPAM
- Canned pasta
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Instant rice—all flavors
- Crackers

Managing Motherhood

Items needed this month:

- pull-ups in 3T-4T, 4T-5T boys and girls
- shampoo
- deodorant
- body wash

Building Oversight Committee will meet Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the multi-purpose room.

Ladies' Day Out Tuesday, September 17, 12:00 PM at Udder Choice, 1812 W. Main St., Ephrata. Each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. Sign up in the narthex by September 15.

Chili Cook off Sunday, October 6, following the worship service. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you want to cook your favorite pot of chili and bring it in a crockpot to share.

Bible Study Fall 2024
9:00 AM

8 September 2024 What is Holy Cross Day?
15 September 2024 Who is St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist?
22 September 2024 Who is St. Michael?
29 September 2024 St. Jerome and the how the Bible came to be

6 October 2024 No Class
13 October 2024 The Church and Politics
20 October 2024 The Church and Politics
27 October 2024 Reformation Discussion

The Salem Choir will resume rehearsals on September 22. This will not be a traditional choir where we sit up front and wear robes. Instead, the choir will gather and sing an anthem periodically. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 beginning on September 22. There is no age restriction, and we welcome anyone who enjoys singing! If interested, please contact Jim Kimmel at 717-341-0426 or at jimkimmel2021@gmail.com or simply talk with him in person.

Acolyte

We are looking for volunteers to help with acolyte, teenagers or adults.
See John Keller if willing to help.

Communion Assistant

We are looking for new volunteer communion assistants to serve each Sunday morning. See John Keller or Pastor Goodman if willing to help.

Greeter	Shirley Wise and Andrea Richard
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Perry Wechter
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant	Miriam Moore
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Mary Binder and Connie Ditzler

Tuesday	6:30 PM	Building Oversight Committee MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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